Town of Shirley Historical Commission/Shirley Center Historic District Commission Meeting August 18, 2021 Center Town Hall

Called to order 5:30 P.M.

In attendance:

Paul Przybyla, chair; Sonia Razzetti, Ann Dempsey, Nancy Andersen

Minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Minutes of the July 29, 2021 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Meredith Marcinkewicz, Curator of the Shirley Historical Society was welcomed to the meeting. She spoke of her concern for the poor condition of several of the Shaker buildings on the grounds of the Mass. Correctional Facilities in Shirley. She has spoken to state Senator Eldridge about the issue and he is interested in finding state funding for preserving the buildings. There was discussion about the needs of the buildings and issues in securing funding through the Correctional system. The Chairperson will meet with an M.C.I. official in Shirley to discuss this issue.

The Chairperson had met with Brandon Kelly, DPW director and Tree Warden, about a diseased sugar maple on the Common along Seth Chandler Way. The members observed the tree and agreed that it should be removed for safety reasons.

The powerpoint presentation of the Community Preservation Act was reviewed with only minor changes to be made. On September 8 it will be presented at a meeting of the town Planning Board.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.